

# The Caledonian Mercury.

Edinburgh, Tuesday, May 23, 1727.

From the Evening Post, May 16.

Petersburg, April 30.

**O**UR Empress being lately at an Entertainment at the House of the Duke of Holstein, took a Ring off her Finger, and gave it to his Royal Highness, declaring at the same time, That she shall never be satisfied before she has procured him the Possession of his Hereditary Dominions, and secured his Pretensions to a certain Crown, notwithstanding what Opposition soever may be offered by some Foreign Powers.

Paris, May 21. The Duke of Deuxponts arrived here lately. As soon as the Review is over, the Horse Guards will march to Champagne, and take their Quarters at Bar-sur-Aube, and other small Towns of that Province.

Vienna, May 10. Our Court has at length concluded a provisional Agreement with that of Prussia, concerning Bergen and Juliers, viz. To deliver to his Prussian Majesty the Duchy of Limburg till an Accommodation can be made with the Elector Palatine and his Family.

Copenhagen, May 17. Prince Frederick-Christian died Yesterday morning.

Paris, May 19. Mr. Bannieres, Cabinet Courier, is expected here from Vienna the 22d or 23d Inst. with the Emperor's Answer. Mr. Le Heup is arrived here from Ratisbon.

From the St. James's Evening-Post, May 16.

Malaga, April 29. The Parthenope, which was lately brought in here by one of our Privateers, has been sold to Mr. Thomas Brown, an Irish Merchant residing here; her Oil, consisting of 215 Pieces, has been sold to a French Merchant, at 39 Pieces of Eight per Pipe; her Silk remains as yet unfold. This Privateer was commissioned by the Conde de las Torres.

Hamburg, May 12. Our Magistrates have sent a very respectful Letter to the Emperor, desiring him to use his utmost Endeavours to re-establish the Commerce between this City and Denmark; they having been great Sufferers on account of the Suspension thereof.

From the Daily Journal, May 15.

Stockholm, May 4. Our Squadron which has been equipping at Carelskroon, waits only for Orders to put to Sea; it consists of 12 Men of War and some Fregats, with 4500 Seamen on board. The Russian Minister has Orders to stay here some time longer.

Vienna, May 7. The Preparations for War are still carried on; however, we are not without all Hopes of Peace. Our Ministers have given the Danish Envoy to understand, That his Master's Accession to the Treaty of Hanover, will be resented when an Opportunity offers.

Petersburg, April 29. A Courier is expected every Day from Vicina, to regulate the March of the Troops which the Czarina furnishes the Emperor with.

From the Whitehall Evening-post, May 16.

Madrid, April 29. 'Tis reported that the Court hath received an Express from the Camp before Gibraltar, with Advice that the Besieged had made a Sally; That the Combat was very obstinate, and that several Officers & Soldiers on both Sides were killed on the Spot, among whom was the Colonel of the Regiment of Malta. The Court gives out, that we shall soon be Masters of the Place; but private Letters say the contrary, that we shall be obliged to raise the Siege, because the rainy Weather is like to ruin all their Works.

Paris, May 21. Our Letters from the Camp before Gibraltar of the 27th inst say, That notwithstanding the stormy Winds and almost continual Rains, the Besiegers hoped that by the last Day of this Month, (the King of Spain's Birthday) all their Batteries would be ready to fire upon the Town. On the 12th an Express arrived from Vicina, upon which the common Cry was, Peace! Peace! But we are since assured, that this was not the Express that was expected to bring the last Resolutions of the Emperor.

Wigae, May 21. The King of Poland is so well recovered of his late Indisposition, as to dismiss his

French Surgeon Mr. Le Petit, who returns home loaded with Wealth and Fame, for the extraordinary Cure he has been instrumental in completing.

*Hague, May 21.* The States have consented to the Resolution taken by the Council for forming a Camp on the Frontiers.

*London, May 16.* His Majesty has granted a Warrant for 4000 Ounces of Plate to be made for the Lord Chancellor.

His Majesty has been pleased to appoint the Lord Scarborough in the Rank of Brigadier General; and his Lordship is to command as such in the Army in Flanders.

Colonel Robison goes Commandant of the two Battalions of the 2d Regiment of Guards, ordered for Foreign Service.

We hear Sir William Morgan, Knight of the Bath, hath offered to raise a Regiment for the Service of his Country, at his own Charge.

*From the Amsterdam Gazette, May 20.*

*Rome, May 3.* 'Tis certain, that the Pope employs all his good Offices with France, to induce that Kingdom not to act against the Head of the Empire, nor against Spain: And in consequence thereof, the Nuncios at Paris and Madrid contribute their utmost. Cardinal de Polignac having received an Express from his Court, whereof the Contents are not made publick, went on Friday last to the Convent of St. Cecilia, and conferred 2 Hours with the Princess Sobieski.

*Cadix, May 16.* Two Battalions and 8 Squadrons are arrived here, we expect more Troops, to the Number of 8000, all bound for the Country of Luxemburg.

*From the Supplement to the Amsterd. Gazette, May 20.*

*Brussels, May 19.* We see here a Plan of Gibraltar, drawn upon the Spot by the Ingeneer General, and sent to the Catholick King from the Camp on the 10th of April 1727; with the following Remarks at Bottom of the Plan.

**GIBRALTAR** has still been reckoned the Key of Spain: Its Arms are, a Castle, having a Gulet at Bottom, with a Key Pendent, Lock'd. It was first taken by the Moors in the Year 714. King Don Ferdinand retook it from them in the 1309, and added new Fortifications to it. It was again taken by them, but King Henry IV. retook it in the 1462; under the Conduct of Don John Alonzo de Guzman, First Duke of Medina Sidonia. It was sack'd and pillag'd in the

1540, in 4 Hours Time, by 2000 Moors, under Command of Hali Hamet, General of Hazen, Viceroy of Argel, attended with 700 Harquebusers and Bowmen, who carried off great Booty: Don Bernard de Mendoza having timeously pursued them, came to hands with them at Velez de Gomera, and with 14 Spanish Ships, routed them, carried off the Booty, killing severals, and making others Prisoners. Several Nations have since attempted to besiege it, but could never make themselves Masters thereof, till the 4th of August 1704, that it was taken by the English and Hollanders, by the Assistance of 80 Men of War, and a great Number of Men set on Shore by them. 'Tis now in the Possession of 2000 English and other Nations.

MEMORIAL presented to the States General by Mr. d'Oliver.

THE Counsellor-Secretary of Spain, charged with the Affairs of his Catholick Majesty to the Lords the States General of the United Provinces, does himself the Honour to tell your Lordships, That his Catholick Majesty having learnt from sundry Hands, that the Subjects of this Republick, ever since the Siege of Gibraltar, seem'd diffident that they could continue their Commerce with Safety in the Ports of Spain; tho' that the Marquis de la Pax had given M. Vander-Meer your Ambassador to understand, both before and since the Opening the Trenches, That the King would by no means enter into War with the Most Christian King, nor with the States General, tho' that his Majesty was forc'd to make War upon England, considering the Steps of the Court of London determining him thereto; but that He would behave towards the Lords the States General, conformably to their Deportment towards him: And in regard the Subjects of the Republick affected not to know the real Sentiments of his Majesty; Therefore, the Underwritten has express Orders from the King his Master, to repete the said Declaration made to Mr. Vander-Meer, and in his Name to assure your Lordships of the pacifick Intentions of his Majesty, and that he's no ways disposed to commit any the least Hostility, against the Lords the States General, so long as they seem inclin'd to preserve a perfect Harmony and good Understanding as well with the King as his Allies. At the Hague, the 17th May 1727.

D'OLIVER.

Wye's



*Wye's Letter verbatim, London, May 18.*

*Since our last arrived a Mail from France.*

'Tis thought something strange, that we should still remain in such a State of Uncertainty as to be no more able of judging whether there will be Peace or War, than we were a Year ago.

The last Letters from Vienna remark, that tho' the Imperial Court was taken up in examining the 8 new Articles sent thither by the Allies of Hanover, yet the warlike Preparations were carrying on as vigorously as if there were no Project of Accommodation on the Carpet. Those from Madrid remark, That his Catholick Majesty was disposed to accept of the Proposals of the Hanover Allies, as containing nothing but what is just and reasonable. On the other hand, there are Accounts from Cadix insinuating, as tho' 22 Men of War and Fregats were saln down behind the Pontals, in order for a secret Expedition.

Advices from Bologna relate, That on the 4th Inst. the Duke of Liria arrived there, and immediately waited on the Pretender, at whose Palace he lodged, and is since set out for Venice, in his Way to Petersburg. From whence 'tis advised, That the Czarina has ordered to put to Sea the whole Fleet of Men of War, Fregats and Galleys, whereof one Part, jointly with the Galleys, is to go upon an Expedition. 'Tis said Admiral Croys has projected a new Way for sailing to the Swedish Coast, without being molested by the Combin'd Fleet, which is to be done by Galleys drawing only 4 Foot Water.

Trade can't much revive, so long as we continue in this State of Uncertainty: But 'tis the Observation of a certain Great Author, That Amusements and Artifice have prevailed for a Time, but have always been returned with Confusion to the Projectors.

Letters from Paris of the 26th Inst. say, that several Companies of the French and Swiss Guards were to march the latter End of this Month for Metz; and that 130 Musquereers of each Regiment had received Orders to hold themselves ready to march on the first Command.

Edinburgh, May 11. For 2 or 3 Days past the General Assembly have been employed in hearing and considering the Case of Mr. Simson, &c.

Charles Dalton, Esq; is appointed Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, in room of the late Sir

William Sanderford, who was the first Knight the King made, being Knighted on board the Yacht his Majesty came over in.

It was given out Yesterday in Exchange Alley, that the Czarina was dead: But this is look'd upon as an Artifice of the Stockjobbers, who are daily hatching such false Stories as shall best suit their Interest with respect to the Rising or Falling of the Stocks. We are told of a certain Person who Yesterday bought 10,000 l. South-Sea Stock, at near 104 per Cent.

On the 6th Inst. a Spanish Privateer brought into Malaga an English Snow from Leghorn, but lost from Mahon, where she took in some Wine, Timber, &c, and 2 Engineers for Gibraltar; but the Men made their Escape. The Silk taken in the Parthenope by the Spaniards, has been sold at 4 Pieces of Eight the Pound.

The King of Spain has declared, That he will not deliver any of the Treasure of the Flota, till the Peace of Europe is restored.

Fisher, who should have been tried this Day for the Murder of Mr. Derby, escaped last Night out of Newgate with double Fetters on.

*From the St. James's Evening-Post, May 16.*

Hamburg, May 16. Letters from Petersburg of the 28th past relate, that the Czarina has ordered two light Fregats to be ready for keeping a Correspondence between Petersburg and Lubek. The Russians give out, that the Admiralty has ordered their whole Fleet to Sea, dividing them into Two, whereof one is to go upon an Expedition, while the other is to observe the Combin'd Fleet.

*From the Whitehall Evening-Post, May 18.*

London, May 18. There is a Warrant ordered to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ for electing a Knight of the Shire to serve in this present Parliament for the Shire of Elgin, in room of Alexander Brodie, Esq; who since his Election for the said Shire, has accepted the Office of Lyon King of Arms of that Part of Great Britain called Scotland.

S. S. Stock, 103, 1 half.

Prices at Perils, May 19.

Best Oat Meal, 5 l. 12 sh. 2d Sort, 5 l. 6 sh. 8 d.

Best Bear Meal, 3 l. 12 sh. 2d Sort, 3 l. 4 sh.

N. B. There was no other Grain sold in the Market, as I understand.



*Prides at Glasgow, May 17.*

Best Meal, 10 Merks.

Best Bear, 6l. 10 sh.

## ADVERTISEMENT S.

454 That there is to be sold at a reasonable Price, a fine HOUSE and GARDEN in the Town of Dundee, belonging to Sir George Stuart of Granthly: The House is Four storey high, the Ground-storey consisting of Five vaulted Cellars, a large Kitchen, Brewhouse, Bakehouse, Coal-house, Coach house, and a large Stable neatly Box'd, sufficient for 20 Horses; with a Hay loft and a Room for Servants, and a Draw-Well, all within the Stable. The 2d Storey consists of Outter-room, Dining-room, Drawing-room, 2 Bedchambers and Closets, all completely Wain-scotted, The 3d, of Dining-room, Drawing room, three Bed-chambers and 2 Closets. And the 4th, of Garrets, Laundry and Closets. N. B. The House and Garden are finely situate upon the Brink of the River Tay. Whoever inclines to purchase the same, may speak either with Sir George Stuart at his House of Muthilly, near Perth, or Mr. Patrick Crichton Brother to the Laird of Ruthven, to be found in Dundee, or Archibald Stuart Writer to the Signet at Edinburgh, in whose Hands the Progress of Rights is to be seen.

455 The following Lands, Tenements and others, which belonged to the deceased Daniel Simson Writer to the Signet, are to be exposed to Sale before the Rt. Honourable the Lords of Council and Session, within the Parliament-house in Edinburgh, upon the Tenth Day of July next, betwixt the Hours of 2 & 3 after Noon. The Lands lying discontiguous, are to be exposed separately, in the following Manner, viz.

*The baili Lands, Tenements and others which belonged to the said deceased Daniel Simson lying in and about the Burgh of Forfar in the Shire of Ross, by themselves.*

*The Lands of the Hill of Sydeserf, in the Shire of East Lothian, by themselves.*

*A Tenement near the Nether bow in Edinburgh, by itself.*

The Rental of the Lands, Progress of the Writs, and Articles of Roup, are to be seen in the Hands of Alexander Findlayson Clerk to the Process.

456 That there are several fresh Coach-mares, some with Colts or Fillies at their Feet, begor by the Danish Horse HAMLET, belonging to the Earl of Haddington, to be seen and sold by Robert Hog at Tyningham.

457 There is to be sold by voluntary Roup upon the 15th of June next, in the House of William Dick Vintner in Edinburgh, at Three after Noon, the Lands of NEW GRANGE, (some prior Acres) and POLDUFF, lying in the Shire of Fife near to St. Andrews, of free Rent, 97 Bolls 6 Firloths Bear, 15 Bolls, 3 Firloths, 2 Pecks Oats, 221 l. 3 sh. 8 d. of Money, and 40 Hens. Any who incline to purchase, may inquire for Mr. Alison Writer to the Signet at his Chamber in Carrubbers Close, where they may be satisfied as to the Rental and Progress.

*By Order of the MAGISTRATES of this City.*

His Majesty's PLATE of One Hundred Guineas will be run for on Monday the Twenty sixth of June next, by any Horse, Mare or Gelding that's no more than Six Years this Grassy, to be certified under the Hands of the Breeder, or some Persons of Credit, carrying 12 Stone English, Saddle and Bridle included; the best of Three Heats. All the Horses to run must be book'd with the Clerk of Leith the Saturday before. — And on Tuesday the Twenty seventh of June next, the City of Edinburgh's PLATE of Fifty Pounds Value, will be run for on said Sands, by any Horse, Mare or Gelding carrying Ten Stone English, Saddle and Bridle included, the best of Three Heats. The Horses which are to run, being Four at least, must be at Leith Ten Days before, and book'd with the Clerk on Monday Forenoon before, paying two Guineas each at Booking. — And on Wednesday Twenty eighth, a PLATE of Thirty Pounds will be run for on said Sands, upon same Conditions with the City Plate. The Clerk of Leith will show the Articles at large betwixt and the Races, being as usual. N. B. After each Race, there will be small Prizes run for. The Horses to be kept in such Houses in Leith as did contribute for the last Plate.

458 That the Adventurers in the BANK OF SCOTLAND, in a General Meeting held the 31<sup>st</sup> Inst. did unanimously agree to raise a Tenth Part of their Capital Stock and did order the same to be paid in to their Treasurer on or before the 15th Day of June next: With Certification of Forfeiture, as contained in the Act of Parliament erecting the Bank.

*Stamp Office, April 28, 1727.*

THE Commissioners for managing His Majesty's Stamp-Revenues do hereby give Notice, That by a Clause in an Act of this Session of Parliament, intitled, *An Act for continuing the Duties upon Mail, Mum, Cyder, and Perry, &c.* it is (inter alia) Enacted to the Effect following: That for the Relief of all Masters and Mistresses, who have omitted to pay His Majesty's Duties of Six Pence in the Pound for every Sum of fifty Pounds or under, and of Twelve Pence in the Pound for every Sum amounting to more than fifty Pounds, Given, paid, contracted, or agreed for, or any Part thereof, with Clerks, Apprentices or Servants, within the respective Times limited by the several Acts of Parliament in this Case made, or who have omitted to insert and Write in Words at Length in the Indentures or other Writings, containing the Covenants and Agreements relating to such Clerk, Apprentice or servant, the full Sum or Sum of Money, or any Part thereof, received or in any wise directly or indirectly given, paid, agreed or contracted for, with or in Relation to such Clerk, Apprentice or servant, all such Masters and Mistresses are Acquitted and Discharged of and from all Penalties incurred by Reason of such Offmissions, upon Payment of the said Rates and Duties on or before the 24th Day of June, 1727, and tendering the said Indentures or other Writings to be stamped at the same Time, or at any Time on or before the 29th Day of September, 1727.

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